

Prior law, relative to alcohol and tobacco permits, provided that before engaging in the business of manufacturing, supplying, or dealing in alcoholic beverages, all persons obtain from the commissioner, a permit to conduct each separate business and pay a permit fee to the commissioner of the office of alcohol and tobacco control according to the following schedule for each year the permit is valid:

- 1. In-state manufacturers - \$1,000 for each establishment in the state.
- 2. Out-of-state manufacturers and suppliers who do not maintain an establishment in the state:
 - (a) Manufacturers and suppliers who sell less than 1,000 cases of their product in the state - \$200.
 - (b) All other out-of-state manufacturers and suppliers - \$1,000.
- 3. Wholesalers - \$2,500 for each place of business in the state.
- 4. Retailers:
 - (a) Class A-General - \$200 for each place of business in any city in the state and \$100 for each place of business in a town, village, or unincorporated place.
 - (b) Class A-Restaurant - \$200 for each establishment in the state.
 - (c) Class A-Special - \$200 for each facility in the state.
- 5. Those operating package houses (Class B Retail Liquor Permit) - \$100 for each place of business in any city in the state and \$50 for each place of business in a town, village, or unincorporated place.
- 6. Those operating Class C Package Stores - \$100 for each place of business in any city in the state and \$50 for each place of business in a town, village, or unincorporated place.
- 7. For businesses permitted under (4) and (5) above, a fee of \$100 for each \$100,000 of gross retail liquor sales; after the first \$100,000 of gross retail liquor sales, an additional fee levied according to the schedule below:

<u>GROSS SALES</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL FEES</u>
\$0.00 to \$99,999.99	-0-
\$100,000.00 to \$199,999.99	\$100.00
\$200,000.00 to \$299,999.99	\$200.00
\$300,000.00 to \$399,999.99	\$300.00
\$400,000.00 to \$499,999.99	\$400.00
\$500,000.00 to \$599,999.99	\$500.00
\$600,000.00 and over	\$600.00

- 8. Solicitors - \$5 each.
- 9. Retail distribution centers, other than manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, or solicitors - \$1,000 for each storage facility in the state.
- 10. Wine producers- \$50.
- 11. Wineries - \$50.

New law retains prior law, but provides these fees are the maximum amount to be charged and authorizes the commissioner to adopt rules to establish fees up to the maximum amounts.

Prior law provided that before engaging in the business of dealing in malt beverages or beverages of low alcoholic content, all manufacturers, wholesale and retail dealers, and microbrewers obtain from the commissioner, a permit to conduct each separate manufacturing, wholesale, retail, or microbrewery business and pay for each permit according to the following schedule for each year the permit is valid:

1. Wholesaler dealers of malt beverages containing not more than six percent alcohol by volume - \$1,000.
2. Wholesaler dealers of malt beverages containing more than six percent alcohol by volume - \$1,000.
3. Retailers:
 - (a) Class A-General which authorizes the retailer to sell for consumption on or off the licensed premises - \$70 for each place of business in the state.
 - (b) Class A-Restaurant - \$70 for each establishment in the state.
 - (c) Class A-Special - \$30 for each facility in the state.
4. Retailers, Class B, which authorizes the retailer to sell in sealed containers prepared for transportation and consumption off the premises or any commercial airline which provisions its aircraft with beverages of low alcoholic content in sealed containers of any size at any airport regularly served by the permittee - \$70.
5. Retailers, Class C Package Store - \$70.
6. Microbrewer, which authorizes the holder of a Retailers, Class A permit to engage in the brewing of beer and other malt beverages at a single location in an amount not to exceed 12,500 barrels, and which further authorizes the sale at retail of such brewed beverages from that location - \$1,000.
7. In-state manufacturers - \$1,000 for each establishment in the state.
8. Out-of-state manufacturers who do not maintain an establishment in the state:
 - (a) Manufacturers who sell less than 10,000 barrels - \$200.
 - (b) All other out-of-state manufacturers - \$1,000.

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Prior law, relative to tobacco, provides the annual fee for each registration certification or permit shall be as follows:

1. Retail dealer registration certificate - \$25.00.
2. Retail dealer permit - \$75.00.
3. Vending machine operator - \$75.00.
4. Vending machine - \$5.00 per machine.
5. Wholesale dealer - \$75.00.
6. Tobacconist – \$150.

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